

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 55

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 133

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 55—Relative to Gladys Sargent.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 55, Mountjoy. Gladys Sargent.

This measure would dedicate a memorial bench in honor of Gladys Sargent for her tireless efforts to protect California's animal population.

WHEREAS, Gladys "Gladdie" Sargent was a leader in advocating laws to protect animals, both wild and domestic, for half a century; and

WHEREAS, Gladdie worked tirelessly at the local and state levels to ensure that animals were humanely treated and respected; and

WHEREAS, Gladdie lobbied legislators and people across California about the need to improve the treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, Gladdie's passion for animals has resulted in the successful passage of landmark legislation protecting many species of animals; and

WHEREAS, Gladdie's understanding of the need to save California's declining population of bighorn sheep was instrumental in reestablishing bighorn sheep populations to historic ranges; and

WHEREAS, More than 1.25 million dollars has been generated to preserve the bighorn sheep; and

WHEREAS, This revenue has funded nine major bighorn sheep translocation projects to augment or reintroduce bighorn sheep into historic habitats in Silver Canyon in Inyo County, Lee Vining Canyon in Mono County, the Chuckwalla Mountains in Riverside County, Eagle Crag, the Avawatz Mountains, the Bristol Mountains, the Bullion Mountains, and the Sheep Hole Mountains in San Bernardino County, and San Rafael Peak in Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987, 151 bighorn sheep have been moved with these projects, and populations have proliferated, with sheep herds flourishing; and

WHEREAS, Gladdie's efforts will assure that bighorn sheep will survive for our children, grandchildren, and future generations to see and appreciate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature dedicate a memorial bench in honor of Gladys Sargent, for her tireless efforts to protect California's animal population, to be located at Idyllwild, California,

where people, young and old, from across our state, our nation, and around the world can rest, view, and learn about California's magnificent bighorn sheep.

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